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Construction of a flood bank for the Vamsadhara river.

* 12 Q.—SRI C. VEERABHADRA RAO (on behalf of Sri P. Veerabhadraswami): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received representations regarding construction of a flood bank for the Vamsadhara river at Nivagam village, Pathapatnam taluk, Vizagapatam district;

(b) whether the District Collector, Vizagapatam, has submitted a report on the action to be taken after his inspection two months back; and

(c) what action the Government have taken on this report?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works):—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The Collector has submitted a report to the Board of Revenue.

" (c) The remarks of the Board of Revenue on the Collector's report are awaited. The Board has been reminded to expedite its remarks."

Paper Control.

* 13 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) why the control on paper is kept on; and

(b) how much retrenchment can be carried out by the decontrol of paper?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" (a) The question of abolishing control on paper is a matter for consideration by the Government of India who have imposed it. In May last, they stated that control on paper could not be relaxed due to the then existing acute shortage of paper. This Government have taken up the matter again with the Government of India.

" (b) The following staff which is employed for paper control work will become unnecessary if paper is decontrolled:—

One Deputy Paper Controller;

One Paper Assistant;

Eight Paper Control Inspectors;

One Senior Superintendent;

Four upper division clerks;

Fourteen lower division clerks;

Two typists;

One attender;

Ten peons."